

Prince assiduously carried on an unbroken series of meteorological observations.

He married in 1865 Jessie, daughter of the late William Brass, of Clifton, Bristol, and Reigate, who survives him, as likewise do his three children, Ada Charlotte (married to the Rev. B. N. Switzer, M.A., of Hitchin, Herts), William Leeson, and Evelyn.

Mr. Prince's illness became acute in 1898 November, and he underwent a considerable amount of suffering till finally released by his death in 1899 April.

He was buried in Uckfield Churchyard.

[For the above notice the Council is indebted to his son-in-law, the Rev. B. N. Switzer, M.A., of Hitchin.]

GEORGE CARTER PULSFORD was born at Lyme Regis, Dorset, 1842 November 4. He entered the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, as a pupil in the Upper School in 1852, and thus came first under the care of Dr. Hill, and afterwards studied navigation and astronomy under Mr. John Riddle. At the termination of his school term he was retained as pupil teacher until 1861, when he became Mathematical and Navigation Master on the *Conway* at Liverpool. He, however, remained there but two years, being recalled to his old school as Master in 1863. When in 1874 the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty decided on educating Naval School Masters at Greenwich, instead of sending them, as formerly, to the Normal Training Colleges, Mr. Pulsford was associated with the Headmaster, Mr. A. Escott, in their training. Finally, on the death of the latter, he succeeded to the Headmastership. Although his special work separated him in a measure from other schools, he always exhibited great interest in educational movements, and was for some time Secretary of the West Kent branch of the Teachers' Guild of Great Britain and Ireland. He was an active Freemason, and was held in high esteem by members of that body. At the time of his death, which occurred on August 1, he was spending his summer vacation at Salcombe.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society 1894 May 11.

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JAMES CRUIKSHANK ROGER was born at Dundee, 1820 May 21. He was the second son of the late Charles Roger, of Dundee, and was educated at Glasgow University. He resided at Glasgow for some years, and in 1848 married Margaret Chalmers, youngest daughter of Francis Neilson, a physician of that city. Inheriting the literary tastes of his father, he devoted a great deal of his leisure to antiquarian pursuits. During the years 1869-70 he was editor of the *Antiquary*. Heraldry was also a favourite subject with him, and he was the author of *Summary of Moral Evidences*. In one of his earliest works, *Celticism, a Myth*, he upheld the Scandinavian origin of

the British races. After the death of his wife in 1861 he went to London, and entering as a student of the Middle Temple in 1868, he was called to the Bar in 1871. He was a man of considerable energy of character, and for some time was Captain in the 48th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers. He died after three days' illness of acute pneumonia, at his residence, Friars Watch, Walthamstow. His second wife survives him.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society 1887 January 14.

JOHN SLATTER was born at Iffley, near Oxford, 1817 April 9. He went up to Oxford in 1835, and entering at Lincoln College, he became one of Lord Crewe's Exhibitioners and graduated in 1838, taking a third class in Lit. Hum. and a first class in mathematics. In 1841 he took his M.A. degree and was ordained. For some years he worked at Leeds under Dr. Hook, the Vicar of Leeds. He then had charge of Sandford-on-Thames, near Oxford, during the years 1852-61, residing at Iffley. In 1861 he was appointed Vicar of Streatley, Berks, and in 1880 Rector of Whitchurch, Oxon., where he remained until the time of his death, 1899 April 7. He had a private observatory at Rose Hill, Iffley, where he worked a good deal. He was obliged to give this up when he went to Streatley, but he still kept up much interest in astronomy. He was elected a Fellow of the Society 1847 November 12, and communicated two short notes to the *Monthly Notices*, one (in *Monthly Notices*, vol. xxxii. p. 317) relating to the observations of the Aurora of 1872 February 4, and containing some interesting remarks as to the height of the Aurora as deduced from observations of an auroral arch made at Streatley simultaneously with observations at Greenwich, 1870 October 24. Mr. Slatter deduced a height of 118 miles above the Earth's surface, on the assumption that the same phenomenon was observed at both places. He mentions one other case, in which the identity of the phenomenon observed was satisfactorily established, and in this case with a base of nineteen miles a height of less than three miles was deduced.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Wootten, Esq., of Iffley, and had one daughter.

HALE WORTHAM was born at Royston, 1822 July, and was the son of the late Thomas Wortham, solicitor, of Royston. He was educated at Mr. Carver's school at Melbourn, Cambs, and King's College, London. In 1844 he was admitted to practice, and on the death of his father, which occurred shortly afterwards, he succeeded to his business, living alone at Royston. In 1871 December he was appointed Clerk of the Peace for the County of Cambridge, in place of Mr. H. R. Evans, of Ely. When the Local Government Act came into operation in 1888, and many of the functions discharged by Quarter Sessions were transferred to another authority, an enormous amount of work devolved upon Mr. Wortham. He was appointed Clerk to the newly constituted